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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SHOWA CORPORATION )  
Serial Number: 10/736150 )  
Filed: December 15, 2003 )  
For: HYDRAULIC SHOCK ABSORBING APPARATUS OF VEHICLE  
Docket Number: 13712 )

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICIAL ACTION**

MAIL STOP AF  
Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

August 18, 2005

Sir:

This is responsive to your Final Office Action dated May 20, 2005 having a shortened statutory period set to expire on August 20, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed on August 18, 2005.

Please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as shown in the section entitled "Claim Amendments".

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as shown in the section entitled "Specification Amendments".